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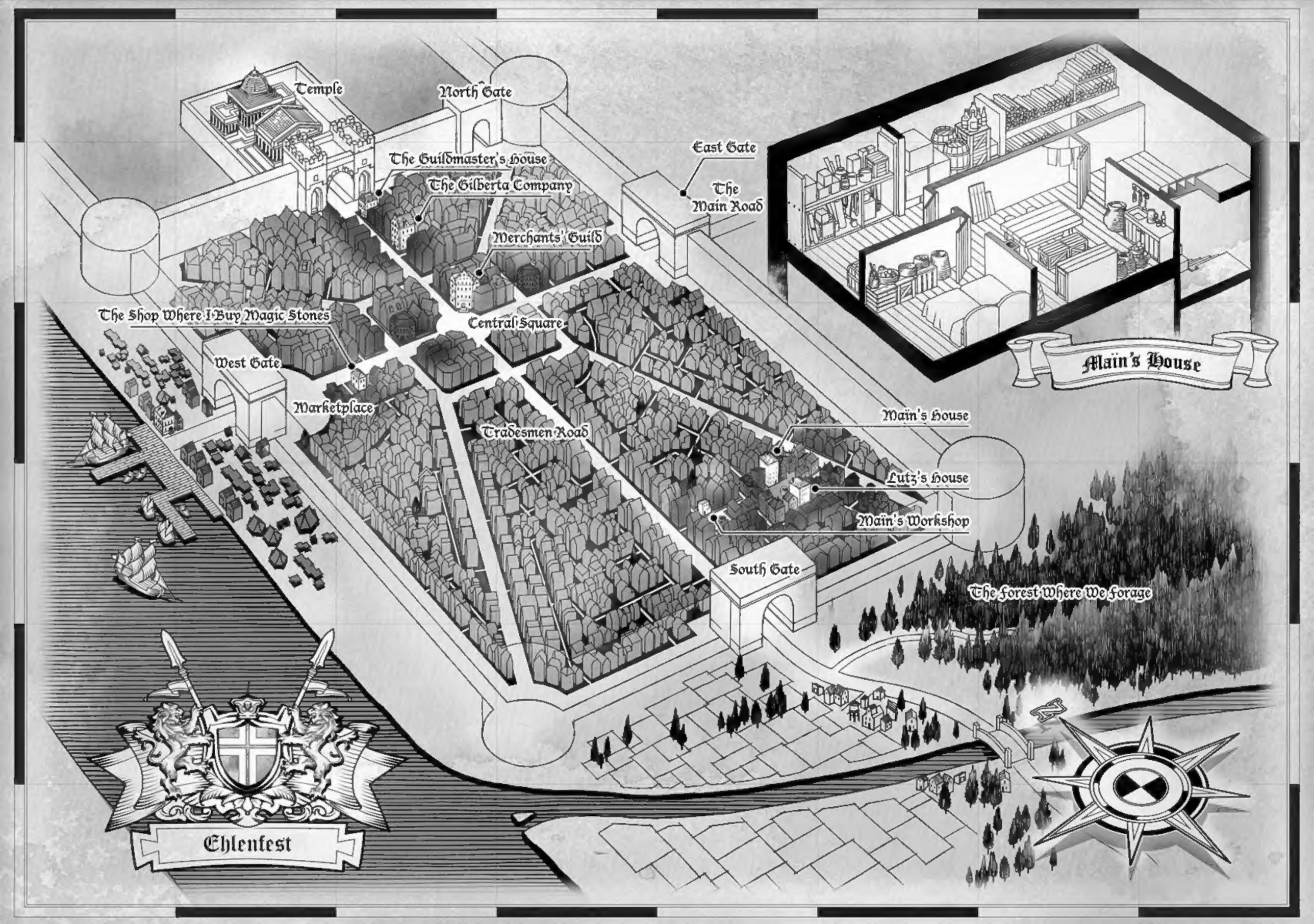
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Lutz's House
Main's Workshop
South Gate
The Forest Where We Forage
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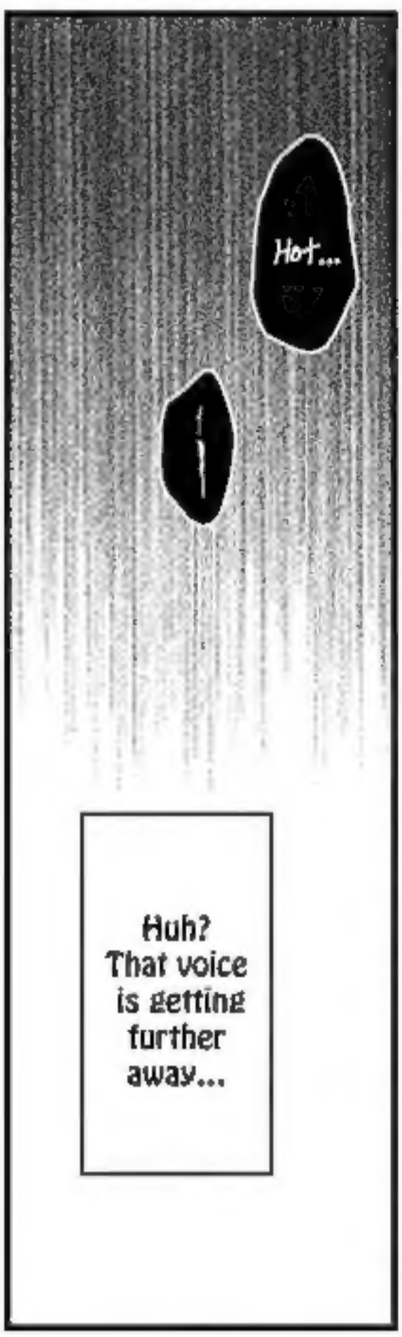
I'll Stop At Nothing to Become a Librarian I

If There Aren't Any Books, I'll Just Make Some!

History, psychology, philosophy, geography, culture...
Mathematics, biology, art, language, folklore...
In a certain town, there lived a young woman named Motosu Urano who loved books.
She lived her life happily, surrounded by her beloved books.
Her books were packed with so much human knowledge, and she loved them with all her heart.
As her life slipped away, she thought...
However, in an ironic twist, her life came to an end as she was crushed to death by her own books.
"God..."
"If I were born again, please let me spend my next life reading as well..."

Chapter 1 A New Life

It's hot, it hurts...
I don't wanna hurt anymore...


Hot...
Huh? That voice is getting further away...

It hurts...
Yeah...

It's hot...
Make it stop...

No more...
I'm burning up. And it hurts...
You're right, this is pretty bad.

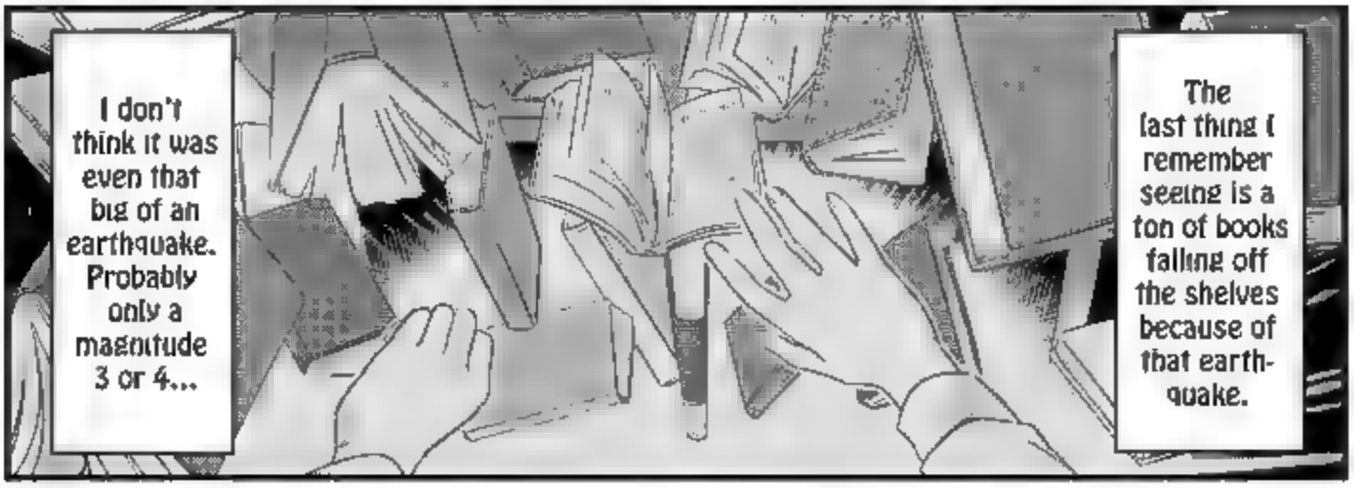
Wait...
Huh?
My hands are tiny ...
What the...?

Wait a minute...

Where am I...?

Yeah... That's right...

I... I died, right?


I don't think it was even that big of an earthquake. Probably only a magnitude 3 or 4...
The last thing I remember seeing is a ton of books falling off the shelves because of that earthquake.

I KNOW I JOKED AROUND SAYING I WANTED TO BURY MYSELF IN BOOKS!
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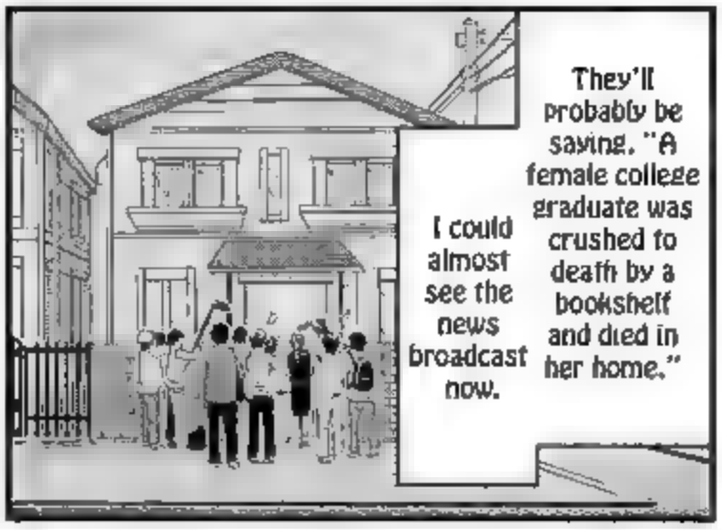
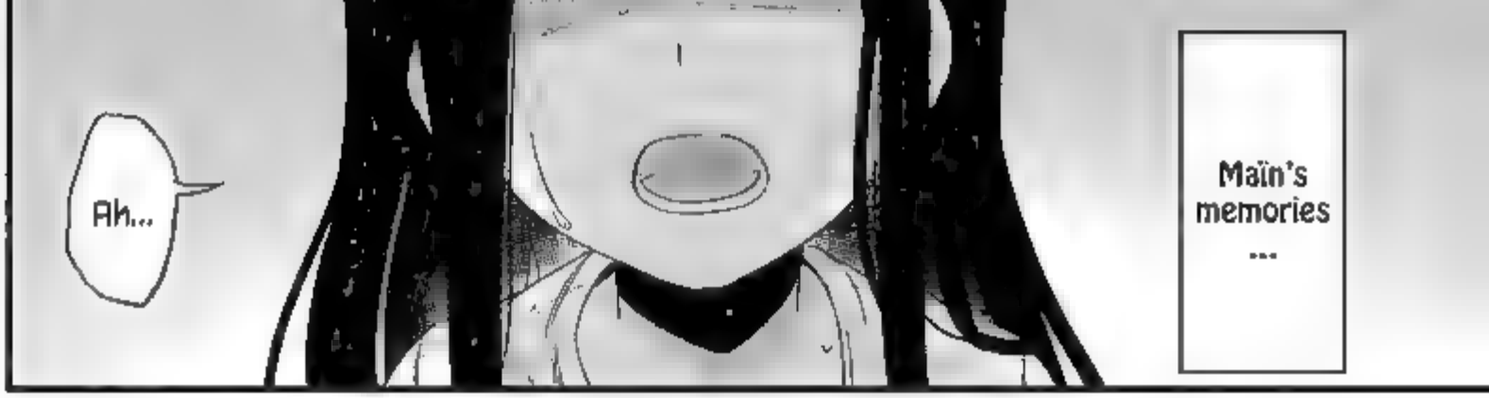
BUT THAT WAS NOT WHAT I MEANT!!
I-died physically and socially


I could almost see the news broadcast now.
They'll probably be saying, "A female college graduate was crushed to death by a bookshelf and died in her home."

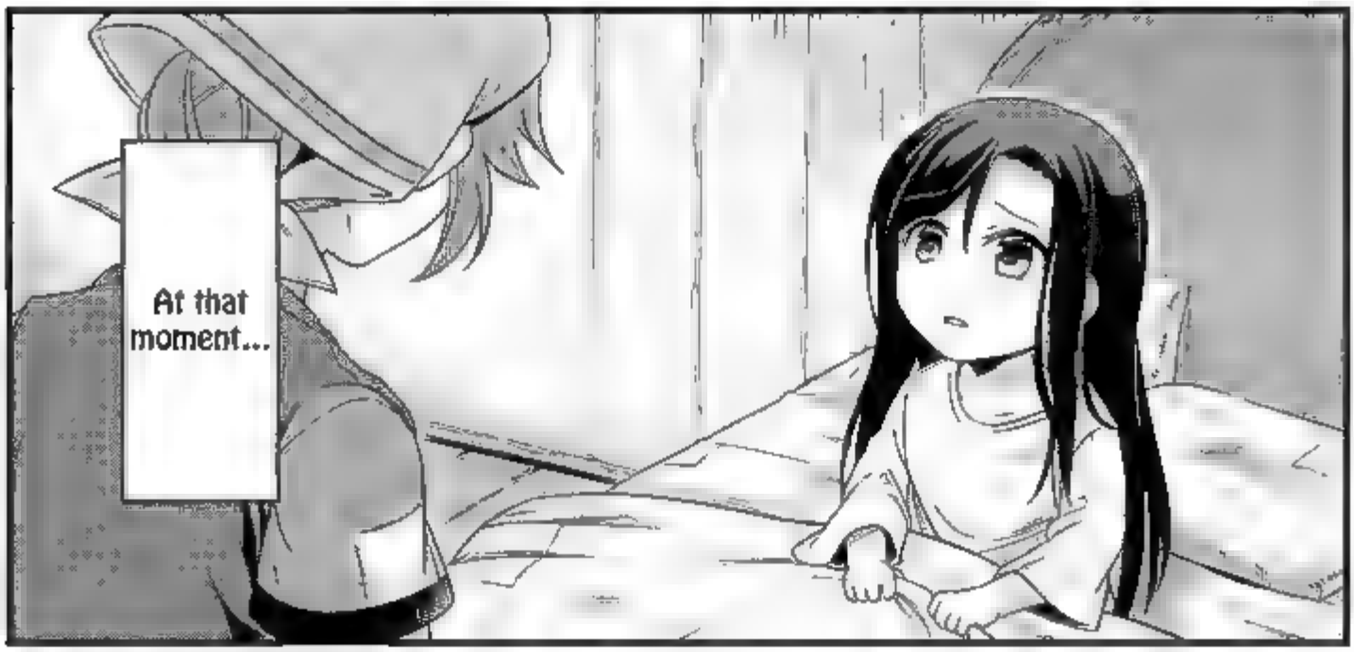
I'm sorry, Mom...
I just managed to find myself a job, too.
Mom was so happy for me.
ブキ
Owwww

Main?
ギィ
Who's she...?
Her hair is... green?
Main...

Eh?
Wa...
Wah...
At that moment...
Main
Main
Main
Main
Main
Main


Ah...
Maïn's memories ...

Mom...


At that moment...

I ceased to be
Motosu Urano.
and became
Maïn.

I've been sent to some random place...

And become some random girl named Maïn...

Good grief...

Why did it turn out like this?

Books...

.....

So just give me a book...

I'll put up with anything!

ギリ ギリ..

If I just have some books to read, I can survive any environment, I think.

I want to read.

ひょこっ
Been sleeping like a good girl?
ガチャッ
How're ya doing, Main?
Wait a minute.
At this age, I should at least have some picture books or something, right?
Um...
I guess she's my sister, Turi.

Hey, Turi.
Could you get me a [book]?
Buk?
What's a buk?
Se-riously ...?
What are those? I've never heard of them...
Main, you're not making any sense.
Slow down and get your words right.
Well it's something with [words] and [pictures] [printed] in it...
THEN LISTEN TO WHAT I'M SAYING!
I WANT A [BOOK]! EVEN A [PICTURE BOOK] WOULD DO!

ビクッ
[WORK RIGHT, YOU STUPID TRANSLATION POWER!]
ガーン
AHHHH JEEZ!
Oh... I see...
The words that don't exist here come out as Urano's language.
Sigh
My head just really hurts.
Sorry, I'm not angry.
Sob
Main, why are you getting so upset?
Well, your fever has gone down a little...
But it looks like you're still not all better yet.
Mom...
What's going on, you two?
Main says her head hurts...

Mama's going to go get dinner ready.
Main, you be a good girl and go back to sleep.
Turi, come along and help me.
Okay!
We'll be right back, Main.
Click
Like I'd just lie here.
Did they go outside?

If I don't find myself at least one book. I'll never get better.
well, actually, one might not be enough. Let's make that 10... no, maybe 20...
Buk?
I'm sure it's just that she didn't understand it when I said [book].
If I look around the house there's bound to be some books somewhere.
A house with no books is pretty much an impossibility.

Maybe I'll even come across some rare books that I never even heard of back when I was Urano.
Alrighty, let's get searching!
Okay!
Now I'm pumped!

Alley-oop.

Actually...

Eww...
The floor's all gritty...

Even though this is a bedroom, it's all dusty and dirty...

I'll bet living her life in this room could not have been good for her body.
In her memories, Maïn has always been pretty sickly...

If I do end up living here, cleaning the bedroom will be my first priority.
Clatter
Clatter
Stretch
Clothing?
Dangle
A toy?
What is this supposed to be?
All right, let's check out the next room.
Well, it'd be sweet if there were books right in this room, but...
Guess it couldn't be that easy.

Hmm...
Guess this wouldn't be easy, either.
Ughhhhh
Gotta find something to stand on...
No good!

So heavy~!
Z'll
Z'll
Z'll
.....
All is fair in book hunts, right?
H...
Hnnng ...

Ah.
Ah!
I got i-...
It opens inward?!
Slip
WHOA ?!
Ugh...
AHH
AH
AH AH
AH AH AH
AH

Owwww...
Sob...
ギッ
HAAARGH!
Creak
Humph
You were a worthy oppo-nent...
Phew
Got it open!
ドドドド
.....
I'll apologize later...
I'm really, really sorry...

Ah...
It's the kitchen.

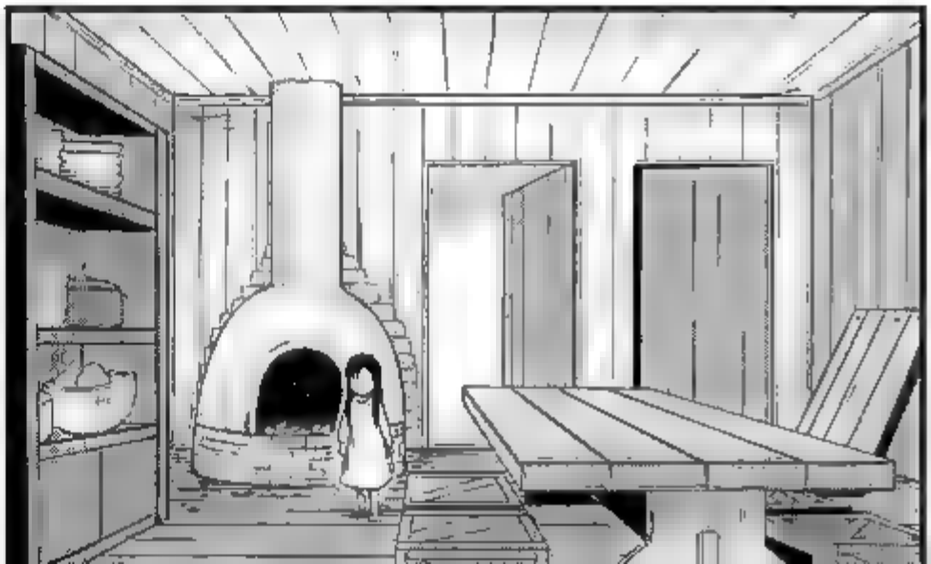
Pop

Hmm..

Oh, a cooking stove.

What're these?

I guess there wouldn't be any books here...

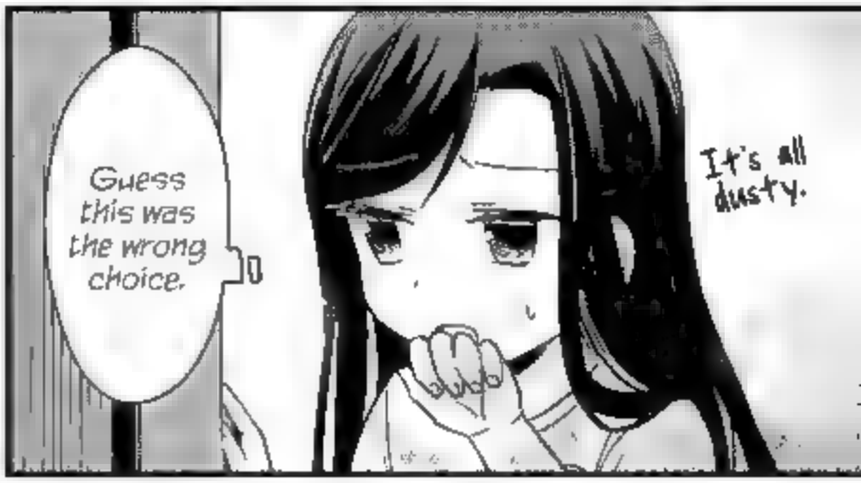


Everyone here has hair colors I've never seen before, deep and light greens and all...
Forget Japan, this place might not even be on Earth.
...A light purple vegetable?
Or fruit?
Interesting thought, but first I need to find some books.
which door hides my prize?
Hehehe...

I guess this is the storage ...?

Hmm.
I'll go take a peek.

It's too high...
And Door Number 2 isn't giving it up without a fight...


Guess this was the wrong choice.
It's all dusty.

So my prize lies behind Door Number 2.

ズギギギ
Why is it so heavy?!
It's just a little wooden stool!
I'll just pull this over to the door and...
This body is very inconvenient...
I...
I can't do it...
Pant
Pant
Guess I'll have to push it.

Wait. Is this the door Mom and Turi used to go outside?
Huh? It's locked...
Rattle
Rattle
And over there's the bedroom.
The storage...
The kitchen...
No prize?
No way.

So, this house doesn't have a toilet or a bath?
There isn't even a sink... And no book-shelves?
Maybe books are really expensive in this world?
Hey, God...
Do you have some kind of grudge against me?
From what I know of history, until the printing press enabled mass production, books had been extremely expensive.
Unless you were nobility, you would never have the chance to read.

Even if they don't have books, there should at least be a newspaper or calendar...
Let's just see if I can find some texts to start with.
Sigh... Guess I'd better just accept it.
...Nothing.

NOTHING ...
NOT A SINGLE ONE!
THERE'S NOT A SINGLE WORD WRITTEN AYWHERE ...
NOT ONE IN THE WHOLE HOUSE!!
Why...

What's going on?

I even wished to be reborn to read some more.

I guess I shouldn't be surprised that I died buried in them.
I had so many books.

Not a single word...not a single scrap of paper.
But there aren't any books here.

Can I even survive here?

I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO STAY IN BED?!

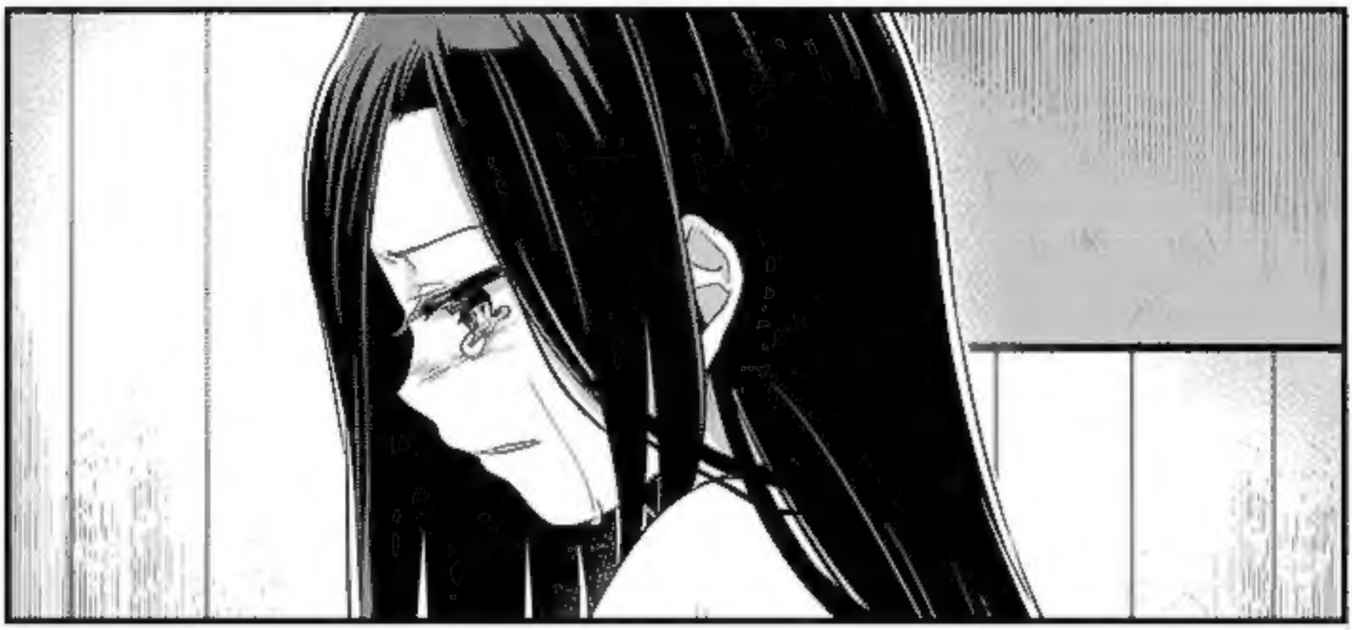
ガチャ
We're ho-...
What's this?
ガヤ

Shock
!
Main!

Mom...
There aren't any [books] here.

AND JUST LOOK AT THE MESS YOU'VE MADE...

What?



Maïn, what's wrong?
Where does it hurt?
I want a [book]...
I want to read a [book].
I want to read a [book] so bad.
That's all I want. That's all I need, but...
There aren't any [books] here...

Where can I find a book here?
Please, someone just tell me...
Someone tell me, please...
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